

## Initial Claims - October 2004

There were 4,830 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in October 2004; a decrease of 352(-6.8%) from the 5,182 claims filed in October 2003. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program numbered 46, down from 93 in October 2003.

According to our Mass Layoff Statistic's Program, 2,543 firms laid off workers in October. A total of 4,919 claims were filed by workers associated with these firms. There were 39 significant events identified this month. A significant event involves firms having a layoff of twelve or more people.

October Initial Claims By Major Industry Division		
Industry	Claims	Percent
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	85	1.7%
Mining	5	0.1%
Construction	522	10.6%
Manufacturing	765	15.6%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	159	3.2%
Wholesale Trade	203	4.1%
Retail Trade	682	13.9%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	290	5.9%
Services	1,229	25.0%
Government	42	0.9%
Not Classified	937	19.0%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,229 initial claims accounting for 25 percent of the initial claims filed this month. Within this sector, Business Services (350) and Health Services (272) had the largest losses in this sector.

Initial claims filed by Manufacturing workers numbered 765 representing 15.6 percent of the October claims. Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which includes the Jewelry industry accounted for the most layoffs (129). Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment followed with (99) and Textile Mill Products with (70).

Employees of Rhode Island Retail Trade companies filed a total of 682 initial claims, representing 14 percent of the October claims. More than one-third of these claims were filed by employees from Eating and Drinking Places (245).

Construction workers filed 522 initial claims accounting for 11 percent of the month's initial claims.

Monthly Highlight: Employees of the Services sector have for the second straight month represented 25% of the initial claims filed. The majority of losses in this sector are from temporary help agencies. These agencies hire employees based on work that is contracted out and layoff these employees once the work is either depleted or the contractual obligations are fulfilled. Temporary help agencies are the major contributors of layoffs in this industry classification.

# October 2004 Layoffs by Industry

SIC Code Industry	Number	Percent
<b>Total Industries</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	15	0.3%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	63	1.3%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	7	0.1%
<b>Mining</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	5	0.1%
<b>Construction</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	104	2.1%
16 Construction - General Contractors	65	1.3%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	353	7.2%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
20 Food and Kindred Products	21	0.4%
22 Textile Mill Products	70	1.4%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	10	0.2%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	12	0.2%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	12	0.2%
26 Paper and Allied Products	20	0.4%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	25	0.5%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	63	1.3%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	0	0.0%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	52	1.1%
31 Leather and Leather Products	1	0.0%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	46	0.9%
33 Primary Metal Industries	28	0.6%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	66	1.3%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	99	2.0%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	55	1.1%
37 Transportation Equipment	34	0.7%
38 Instruments	22	0.4%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	129	2.6%
<b>Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	20	0.4%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	39	0.8%
43 United States Postal Service	0	0.0%
44 Water Transportation	46	0.9%
45 Transportation by Air	15	0.3%
47 Transportation Services	12	0.2%
48 Communications	21	0.4%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	6	0.1%
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	141	2.9%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	62	1.3%
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	39	0.8%
53 General Merchandise Stores	38	0.8%
54 Food Stores	85	1.7%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	106	2.2%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	30	0.6%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	44	0.9%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	245	5.0%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	95	1.9%

## October 2004 Layoffs by Industry

SIC Code Industry	Number	Percent
<b>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
60 Depository Institutions	107	2.2%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	38	0.8%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	53	1.1%
63 Insurance Carriers	29	0.6%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	19	0.4%
65 Real Estate	39	0.8%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	5	0.1%
<b>Services</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	98	2.0%
72 Personal Services	29	0.6%
73 Business Services	350	7.1%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	52	1.1%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	23	0.5%
78 Motion Pictures	2	0.0%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	112	2.3%
80 Health Services	272	5.5%
81 Legal Services	20	0.4%
82 Educational Services	50	1.0%
83 Social Services	113	2.3%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	4	0.1%
86 Membership Organizations	38	0.8%
87 Engineering, Accounting, Research, Management, and Related Services	65	1.3%
88 Private Households	1	0.0%
89 Miscellaneous Services	0	0.0%
<b>Government</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	27	0.5%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	0	0.0%
94 Administration & Human Resource Programs	1	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental & Housing Program	6	0.1%
96 Administration of Economic Programs	7	0.1%
97 National Security & International Affairs	1	0.0%
<b>99 Nonclassifiable Establishments</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>19.0%</b>